

including August 23, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 12 by replacement as follows:

12. (three times amended) A soil treatment process comprising adding an aqueous soil treatment composition comprising:

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- (a) an ionic water-soluble fertilizer in an amount of at least 10 weight percent, and
 - (b) a water-soluble anionic polymer with has intrinsic viscosity of at least 6 dl/g and is formed from water-soluble monomer or monomer blend of which at least 40 weight percent is anionic monomer which composition does not contain a redox couple comprising a water soluble ferrous reducing agent and an oxidizing agent,
- to water, the composition being thereby diluted, and irrigating an area of soil with the water.